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In re application of

Emmanuel MERMOZ

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Application No. 10/790,089

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COUPLING FLANGE SYSTEM FOR HOLLOW SHAFT

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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October 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Official Action of April 7, 2006 and the Advisory Action of October 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of this paper.